

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace paragraph [0038] with the below amended paragraph.

[0038] Cats in the probiotic + treatment groups (rooms 1 and 2) were orally dosed with 10mg ( $1 \times 10^9$  cells) of a freeze-dried preparation of *Lactobacillus acidophilus*.  
~~Deposited~~ deposited with the International Depositary Authority, Aberdeen Scotland under Accession No. NCIMB 41117 on November 13, 2001. The preparation was administered once daily after feeding, administered in a gelatin capsule. The probiotic – groups (rooms 11 and 12) received no capsule.